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## Missing cash costs superintendent job

Sipes resigns following investigation; no charges contemplated

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
 Staff writer

The Madison County Jail superintendent has resigned rather than face charges over at least \$1,000 missing from one of the jail bank accounts.  
 Dannie Sipes Sr., 45, of Pontoon Beach, was confronted Wednesday with the shortage and acknowledged taking cash from a prisoner account over a period of at least a year, officials said.  
 Sheriff Bob Churchich said detectives are adding up the figures to determine the exact amount, but that Sipes has acknowledged taking at least \$1,000.  
 When prisoners are booked into the jail, any cash they have is taken from

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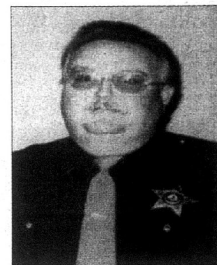
Churchich  
 Sheriff

them and placed by the superintendent in a prisoner account. The prisoners can spend that money at the commissary.  
 Sipes is accused of taking some of the cash before making the daily bank deposit.  
 Sipes resigned the day after Capt. Robert Hertz, the chief deputy, noticed

the prisoner account was low.  
 Hertz said at a news conference Thursday that Sipes was called into a meeting Wednesday with Churchich and Hertz and was confronted with the shortage.  
 Sipes acknowledged taking the cash from the prisoner account and chose to resign instead of facing criminal

prosecution, officials said. Sipes could not be reached Thursday for comment.  
 Churchich said he is dismayed because Sipes was, in most respects, an excellent employee.  
 "I didn't get any sleep last night, and I probably won't tonight either. It's very unfortunate because we have a good person that let temptation get the better of him, and as a result, his entire life is being disrupted," Churchich said.  
 Hertz said the incident should not reflect on the integrity of others in the department.  
 "This place is filled with good, honest people," he said.  
 Churchich said the Sipes case is "an isolated incident."

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Dannie Sipes Sr.  
 Resigned

## Madison officials order crackdown

Kerosene heater safety concerns cited for move

By Scott Cousins  
 Staff writer

Madison city officials will begin stricter enforcement of people using alternative means — such as kerosene heaters — to heat their homes.  
 The action was ordered after a long and sometimes heated discussion about the

safety of people in Madison whose utilities have been shut off.  
 Building Inspector George Hlava told the council that because of non-payment of power bills, Illinois Power has been turning off utilities for a number of residences.  
 "The power company has turned off an awful lot of utilities," he said.  
 Hlava had expressed similar concerns in late October. At the time, city

officials urged residents with problems paying utility bills to take advantage of Madison County Community Development's assistance program.  
 However, the final deadline for applying for assistance was this week.  
 Hlava said use of alternative heat sources such as kerosene was creating some extremely dangerous situations, especially where basic

safety precautions were not being followed.  
 In one particular case, he said a family is using kerosene heaters filled from a gasoline can containing kerosene.  
 "The biggest concern was that someone might accidentally fill the can with gasoline, or use another gasoline container to fill the heater."

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## Local painter helps disabled citizens

Giesler paints houses for free

By Scott Kelly  
 Staff writer

Right in the middle of the Granite City Steel complex on East 24th Street sit two homes in which people still live.  
 One of the buildings — something of a landmark — was the longtime headquarters of sign painter Ernie J. Bagi.

Now retired from his lifelong trade of painting signs and making silk screens for T-shirts, Bagi, who is disabled, still keeps his Custom Display Signs building looking nice.  
 Mark Giesler, owner of Giesler Painting Co. of Pontoon Beach, is helping Bagi with the upkeep of his property. The contractor has begun a free service painting homes of disabled people in the greater Granite City area.

There are a few requirements, though, Giesler said.  
 "There are people who want a 'free gimme,'" he said. "And then there's people who will really appreciate it."  
 People he helps must be totally disabled — physically unable to do the job — and must be in financial need, he said.

MRB Paints in Alton supplied the paint for the home, he said.  
 He has a special affinity for Bagi, Giesler said, and was happy to paint his home as "one artist to another." For several years, he said, Bagi applied his love for the art of hand-painting signs and silk screening to advertising for local businesses, veterans

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## Warm weather affects Salvation Army drive

But there's still long way to go

By Scott Cousins  
 Staff writer

The weather outside isn't frightful, and that may be putting a crimp in the Salvation Army's annual fund drive.  
 For the local Salvation Army of Southwestern Madison County, which serves the Edwardsville, Highland, Collinsville and Tri-City areas, the Christmas season is their most visible time and the time when they collect most of funds for their year-round efforts.  
 Capt. Martin Colip said collections were about equal to

last year, but with a slightly higher goal, more is needed.  
 "The weather is a problem," he said.  
 Part of the reason is that higher temperatures don't put people into the holiday spirit.  
 "It doesn't seem like Christmas at 70 degrees in December," Colip said.  
 The Salvation Army's total goal is \$225,000. That includes \$140,000 in kettle donations. Through Thursday, he said they have brought in \$54,926.55.  
 "It's early December, so we have 17 days before Christmas

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Tim Stephenson photo

## O Tannebaum

Residents from Challenge Unlimited Inc. of Alton helped light up the Christmas tree at a holiday-themed ceremony Wednesday at Granite City Hall. Pictured is Mayor Ron Selph (rear), who assisted Don Lucas from Challenge Unlimited in turning on the lights.

## Mitchell supporters get their day in court

Petition hearing set for Dec. 17

By Scott Kelly  
 Staff writer

The long fight to incorporate the area of Madison County historically known as Mitchell may soon end.

At a Dec. 17 hearing, Circuit Court Judge Randall Bono will decide whether the petition of Mitchell supporters to place the incorporation question on the April ballot has enough valid signatures and meets all the legal requirements.  
 If the judge finds that Mitchell's petition meets all the necessary requirements, the only remaining hurdle will be a public vote in the April elections — which is what Mitchell supporters have sought all along.

"I think this is going to be it," said Ron Trimmer of the Mitchell Incorporation Committee. "We'll persevere and we'll have it on the ballot in the spring."  
 "We have three times the number of signatures needed," he said. "There will, of course, be challenges by the surrounding communities, based on population, (but) I feel we have the population."

The Madison County Board in July approved Mitchell's latest map, one year after it rejected Mitchell's much larger incorporation map.  
 Bono, based on the Board's July 1997 rejection of Mitchell's plan, denied one

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## Community Calendar

### Community

**THE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION SOCIETY OF GRANITE CITY** will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a tour of historic homes and churches.

The tour is set for 3 to 8 p.m. Dec. 19. Tickets cost \$10 and 50 percent of the profits will support physician services and follow-up medical care for low-income patients through St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Knoch Family Health Center.

Tickets are available at Floral Original, 2862 Madison Ave., Jan's Hallmark, 19 Crossroads Plaza, Sandy's Wallpaper, 2860 Iowa, and The Rite Restaurant, 1308 Niedringhaus Ave.

### Christmas

The **GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT** has made arrangements for kids to talk directly to Santa Claus at the North Pole.

Santa will call children from 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 10 and listen to their wishes and find out if they've been good girls and boys. To receive a call from Santa, an adult must stop by or call the Wilson Park Office after Dec. 1.

The **OLD SIX MILE MUSEUM** has scheduled its annual Christmas Open House for 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 13 at 3279 Maryville Road.

The house will be decorated in

both modern and old-fashioned styles to fit the season. The large display room in the front of the house will be turned into a gift shop, the ideal place to purchase those last-minute gifts.

The book "Granite City: A Pictorial History" that was written and developed in conjunction with the 1996 Centennial year, will be on sale, a good gift idea for older family and friends who have moved from the area.

**Santa Claus** is holding "office hours" for **SANTA'S HOLIDAY AVENUE** at Santa's Cabin at Delmar and Niedringhaus now until Christmas. Hours Santa will be at the Cabin are 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 8 p.m. Sundays.

**PONTON BEACH** youngsters up to age 12 are invited to have breakfast with Santa at its annual breakfast with Santa event from 8 to 11 a.m. Dec. 12 at Ponton Beach Village Hall, 3210 Illinois 111. Registrations are being taken for the event at the Comptroller's Office, located at Village Hall through Dec. 4.

The event is open to Ponton Beach residents only, and proof of residency will be required. All registrations must take place in person.

### Concerts/Musicals

**PONTON BAPTIST CHURCH** presents a Christmas musical/drama

entitled "It Took a Miracle" at 7 p.m. Dec. 13. The musical features music by John Peterson and arranged by Don Marsh. The free program will be followed by a time of fellowship. All are welcome at the church, on the corner of Ponton Road and Illinois 111.

**SUMMERSTAGE PLAYHOUSE** is presenting "The Little Sisters of Hoboken" at 7 p.m. Dec. 13. The all-male version of Don Goggin's hit musical about the Little Sisters of Hoboken.

Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 26, at the playhouse, 2906 Pershing Ave. in Granite City. Prospective cast members should prepare one musical-comedy song, read from the script, and learn a short dance routine.

Call Marc at 451-7612 for more information.

The **CONCERT CHORAL**, the **UNIVERSITY SINGERS** and the **COMMUNITY CHORAL SOCIETY** of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale will present a performance of vocal music pieces from Christmas concerts at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6, in the Vadalene Center gymnasium at SIUC.

The performance will be under the direction of music professor Leonard Van Camp, who will be retiring after 35 years of teaching at SIUC. Tickets are \$7; students and senior citizens, \$5. For more information, call 650-3900.

## Longtime Alton paper plant shutting its doors Jan. 29

### Business had existed since 1910

By Paul A. Brinkmann  
Staff writer

A longtime staple of the local economy that began as Alton Boxboard and Paper Co. in 1910 will close its doors Jan. 29.

**Smurfit-Stone Corp.**, formerly Jefferson-Smurfit, announced Tuesday its intention to mothball the paper mill on Cut Street.

The closing comes on the heels of the company's merger with a large Chicago-based corporation. Company officials said too much stored paper product has caused paper prices to decline.

"Meetings were held today. The employees will not be returning," said Tom Lange, company spokesman. The mill employed 242 people. Only about 70 had been working in recent weeks.

Smurfit's administrative center at 401 Alton St., which employs 185 people, will remain open, Lange said.

The announcement saddened employees. Two generations of the Voyles family in Godfrey have relied on the mill for their income.

"It's going to be a great loss, I think," said Marion Voyles, 63, who retired three years ago. "The people who work there and live here depend on that for their livelihood. It's a way of life, and it doesn't exist anymore."

Madison County Transit was created in 1980 to oversee all mass transit in the county. MCT operates 13 local fixed routes to St. Louis and various locations in Madison County and door-to-door service for persons with disabilities and older adults. The district also is responsible for the county's bus trails and administers the RideFinders program for the eight-county St. Louis region.

Voyles said he has not been notified of any changes to his pension benefits.

His son, Mario Voyles, 30, worked for seven years at the mill as a utility worker qualified for 14 jobs.

"Depression went through my mind when I heard. This is going to be a difficult transition," Mario Voyles said.

Lange said the company will not sell the mill. "Our intention is to shutter and leave it. Someday, if the market changed dramatically, it may be needed, but it would not be accurate to say the mill will reopen," Lange said.

Dei Brooks, plant employees were shocked but not

necessarily surprised to learn they would lose their jobs.

"I think people were prepared for the worst."

Other officials said the announcement did come as a surprise.

"I had been under the impression this mill was profitable," Mayor Don Sandig said. "The loss of 242 jobs is very hard to take."

"It was a surprise to us," said Don Miller, president of the Riverbend Growth Association.

"We knew there was a chance it was closing, but we thought there was a better chance it would survive."

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## New bus driver honored by MCT

### Grebe's recent actions go extra mile, Selph says

One of Madison County Transit's newest bus drivers has already demonstrated her willingness to go the extra mile sure that her passengers get the service they deserve and depend upon.

**MCT** Georgia Grebe's actions earned her the most recent Nelson Hagnauer Excellence in Service Award.

Grebe, who began as a driver for the Agency for Community Transit in August, is being recognized for a specific situation which was brought to the Transit District's attention by a customer.

In a letter to MCT, on the evening of Oct. 25, part of 14th Street in downtown St. Louis was closed, preventing traffic from continuing on to Spruce Street, where the city's Highland-Troy Express and other buses usually pick up.

Grebe refused to let the blockade cause her to miss her Spruce Street pickup, finding a way around and calling ahead to the drivers of the other diverted buses to have them wait for their passengers.

Without her actions, the passenger who wrote the letter said she would have been stranded in St. Louis.

"Although Georgia has only been with us for four months, it's clear that she is as committed to providing excellent service as any of our long-term employees," said Granite City Mayor and MCT Chairman Ron Selph. "The

customer wrote to us expressed her sincere appreciation for Georgia's efforts and all of us at MCT echo her sentiments and commend Georgia for her dedication."

The letter also offered praise for the drivers who operate the 16x Edwardsville Express to and from St. Louis, highlighting their courtesy and pleasant nature.

"Today, people are quick to criticize, but few take time to make sure that good service is rewarded. We express our thanks to the customer who notified us about Georgia's actions so that we can encourage all of our passengers to let know when they experience service that is deserving of recognition," Selph said.

In recognition of Grebe's commitment to service, Selph presented her with a \$100 savings bond and an award certificate.

Madison County introduced the awards the awards program in July to recognize employees who go the extra mile in terms of providing excellent service, both on and off the job.

"I love my job just doing that job to the best of my ability as I was trained. I do my best to make sure that my customers always get home," said Grebe, who lives in Granite City.

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## Venice tavern fire ruled arson

A suspicious fire at a Venice tavern Tuesday morning has been turned over to state arson investigators.

**VENICE** Police Chief James Newsome

said Friday that an early-morning fire at a tavern at 717 Brown St. has been classified as arson and turned over to the State Fire Marshal's office for investigation.

Police received a report of smoke coming out of the building at about 5 a.m. Tuesday. When officers arrived, they saw smoke and flames in several locations inside the structure, which was heavily damaged in the blaze. Newsome said it appeared that some kind of accelerant was used to spread the flames inside the building.

No injuries were reported.

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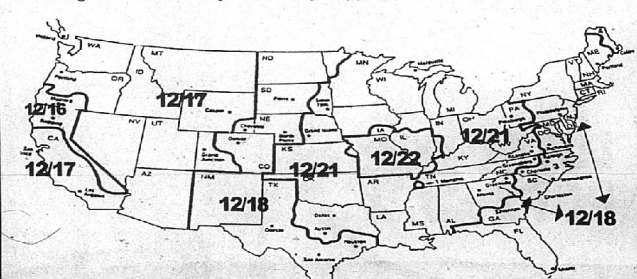
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## Top Church

By Paul Ma  
Staff writer

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## Top County Democrats sworn in Churchich, Von Nida, Bathon begin terms

By Paul Mackie  
Staff writer

Three top Democrats were officially sworn into office Tuesday morning in the Madison County Board chambers.

Sheriff Bob Churchich, County Clerk Mark Von Nida and Treasurer Fred Bathon won their races by resounding margins on Nov. 3.

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Bathon, who lives in Granite City, spent his last few days as county auditor concerned that his office will "collapse" if County Board member Jack Frandsen—who he says is the favorite—is appointed by Board Chairman Rudy Papa.

"Rudy's still a personal friend, even though we're not real happy with each other right now," said

Bathon after being sworn in by Donald R. "Bodie" Huber.

"I give him credit for me standing here today," Bathon said of Huber, his former teacher at St. Mary's Grade School in Alton. "I have mixed emotions about this morning because I've had the opportunity to work with some of the finest people," said Bathon, who leaves his auditor post after 10 years.

Von Nida, entering his first elected term as county clerk, was sworn in by Chief Associate Judge Randall Bono.

Von Nida referred to a letter he received from Illinois senator and former Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles. "When I

look over this office 18 months ago, I received a very gracious letter expressing that she hoped I would come to love the

office as much as she has. And I truly believe that I have," he said.

Circuit Judge J. Lawrence Keshner performed the swearing in of Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich to his fourth term.

Keshner said Churchich is "the Mark McGwire" of the county's elected officials.

"No other sheriff in Madison County has been elected to three terms, let alone four. And (Churchich) is much deserved," Keshner said.

Churchich told the large crowd in attendance he will not let them down. "I'll do the same job, which has apparently been all right since you elected me again," he said.

The three officials were elected to four four-year terms.

## Madison council approves lease Developer plans apartment house on property

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A resolution authorizing the city to lease property at the corner of Alton Avenue and Edwardsville Road to developer Michael Macek was approved at Tuesday's Madison City Council meeting.

The property is part of a building that Macek is planning to rehab into apartments.

Macek had originally approached the city about placing a new sidewalk at the location. However, research showed that part of the building was actually on city property.

City Attorney Casper Nghobossian said the building was apparently built out over the city property about 50 years ago and nobody noticed

until Macek's request.

The 20-year lease allows Macek to go ahead with the project.

There was some brief discussion about who would rent the apartments. Alderman Michael Vrabec said he believed at least three of the five apartments in the building were supposed to be for elderly residents, and wanted to know if there was anything

in writing to that effect.

Other city officials said they were not sure, but pointed out that limiting the apartments to only senior housing might make it difficult to fill them.

In an unrelated matter, the Council also approved a resolution leasing property at 900 State St. to Eastern Missouri Cellular LLC for a tower.

## Church Women United holds monthly meeting

Before Millie Clements, president of Church Women United, opened the November monthly meeting of the organization, she gave the devotion from the book "Quiet Moments for Women," followed with a prayer.

Correspondence was read requesting a donation to the state treasury to cover expenses for a previous meeting to what was also donated to Church World Service to help those in need from Hurricane Mitch.

A request was made for more churches to volunteer for monthly birthday parties for patients in the two local nursing homes. Call the local unit of CWU to offer help.

Members of CWU have volunteered these services at the Good Samaritan House the served Wednesday of each month. Canned goods and non-perishable items were brought to the meeting to the

give to charitable organizations in the Quad-Cities.

The Christmas party was scheduled to be held Dec. 4 at Nameoki United Methodist Church. A potluck dinner will precede the auction and craft sales.

The annual meeting will be held Jan. 22 at Nameoki United Methodist Church.

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## Guest Column

# Halloween just not the same anymore

By Mike Grubb

I was honored when my wife awarded me Halloween duty recently. That is, I was the one responsible for taking the kids trick-or-treating. This involves a car ride to Columbia to see grandma and then a quick walk around grandma's neighborhood. After this, we go back home in Waterloo to patrol subdivisions on foot. On the positive side, it was cool enough for a beer placed in a jacket pocket to stay cool for a reasonable amount of time. On the down side, there weren't enough pockets in my jacket. I did the best I could, however, and with the help of a couple of sympathetic neighbors along the way, I did not dehydrate. It was a nice night for walking and as I stayed a short distance behind the kids in the shadows I had a lot of time to think and observe. Maybe it is my imagination, but it didn't seem like there were too many kids out this year. The streets were deserted. When I was young, kids packed the streets all night long and the costumes were elaborate and bizarre. I did not see a lot of imagination out there. From what I have seen, a lot of kids don't worry about it until an hour before it gets dark. They tie a rag around their head, smear a little grease on their face and call it a costume.

Another thing that has changed is the mode of travel. I can remember walking for hours, coming back home several times to empty my bag and going out again on foot. Now we have the minivan trick-or-treaters. Mom or Dad drive slowly along, stop at each house, and five or six kids pile out and run to the door. Then it's back to the van for a 50-foot ride. Do they still have that president's physical fitness thing in school? I hope so.

The moon was interesting Halloween night. It was distorted and looked a lot like the face in that painting "The Scream." As I stared at it, I started thinking celestial thoughts, and John Glenn's recent space shuttle flight came to mind. John Glenn was a true American hero. He risked his life to be a space pioneer. He is also a 77-year-old man. It was a great publicity stunt for NASA. They justified it by saying they wanted to test the effects of aging in space. That makes sense if they were leaving him up there for the next 20 years. He didn't age much in a week.

Personally, if I were going to pick someone to blast off the planet sitting atop tons of potentially explosive rocket fuel, Bill Clinton, Rosie O'Donnell or Tony Banks come to mind. If letting Glenn fly on the shuttle renews interest in the space program, I will be the first one to admit it was a good idea. The mission seemed to be a success except for one embarrassing incident: A Russian spy satellite tracking the mission has reported the shuttle's left blinker has been flashing the whole way.

Mike Grubb is a superintendent with Columbia Quarry Co. He lives in Waterloo with his wife and two children. Views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the Journal.

## Sound Off!

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### Get rid of filth on TV

Recently on the news, the Catholics are complaining of the obnoxious and vulgar scripts of certain TV programs. Where are all the other religious leaders and are they condoning all the filth that's on the TV today? Why aren't they doing something about it?

### Advise keeping eye on plumbers

I would advise anyone in this area to watch the plumbers. They are overcharging people. And if they don't get the job, they will charge you for the service call anyway. I think that is robbing the senior citizens. I'm sorry but that's the way that I look at it.



## Letters to the Editor

### Seniors need assisted living bill

TO THE EDITOR: As seniors share the holidays with family and friends, the most common reason offered for thanks is their continued independence.

Often times, seniors are forced into traditional nursing homes before they need nursing care because they fear living alone, they need a little help with personal care tasks or simply someone to check on them. For these seniors, there is hope — a new type of congregate housing called Assisted Living.

Sadly, Illinois has not made assisted living a priority. Because Illinois has failed to pass legislation regulating assisted living facilities, a crisis has occurred. Seniors have no idea what product is being sold when they see "assisted living" advertised. Some operators are finding loopholes that enable them to run facilities outside of any regulation or oversight. In addition, the development of assisted living programs in Illinois lag behind other states, absent a licensure code to stimulate the industry.

The Illinois legislature has an opportunity to change this by calling SB743, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Establishment Act, this fall. Passage of this bill will provide licensing and common

sense regulation of assisted living establishments. It will provide a guarantee to the consumer of the basic package of services they can expect. It will also bring oversight to facilities that are currently operating without any regulation.

Please call your state representative today and ask them to provide more seniors with the opportunity to remain independent longer by calling SB743 for a vote.

Pauline Hanson  
AARP Chapter 1340  
Granite City

### What can we learn from Clinton crisis?

TO THE EDITOR: President Clinton's political fate has not yet been decided, but what are we to learn from this bizarre chapter of American history?

Without judging the man in a biblical sense, can we make any judgment at all? Needless to say, there is a vast difference between judging other people and making a judgment about their ideas or their deeds. Certainly, Clinton's atrocious behavior with his young intern is fair game for public judgment.

We are moving into a new dimension in which it is becoming more difficult to hide illicit behavior than it was 10 years ago, when sex scandals wrecked the careers

of several televangelists and presidential contenders.

We cherish the image of America as a nation of churches, schoolhouses and happy family cookouts and hate to look at our shadow side.

There is, of course, much wholesomeness in the land, but the trend is down and dirty judging by the increasingly coarse dialogue of our movies, TV shows and periodicals. And what about stories that glorify lust or violence that dominate the entertainment media and target adolescent minds?

As for Clinton, we would have to be in deep denial not to recognize that his vile behavior is in character with much that is accepted and promoted by many others.

While he must answer for his misdeeds, they strike me as a manifestation of a sorry moral decline of American society today. Fatherly Uncle Sam has become randy Uncle Bill.

My hope is that the exposure of Bill Clinton may encourage us all to take a personal moral inventory. Our witnessing his "scarlet letter" may help us to resist our own temptations, turn away from the decadence that cheapens life and intensify our won spiritual quest of companionship with God.

Colleen Sprenger  
Red Bud

Thank you for your support

### To the Editor:

As the holiday season approaches, we give thanks for our nation and its bounty — and for the American spirit that continues to tend, through the ages, our democracy, our Constitution, and the institutions of our government. I give thanks, as well, for the opportunity to have participated in the democratic process — and to the voters of Illinois for the privilege of representing them in the United States Senate. I will do my best. Peter Fitzgerald  
U.S. Senator-elect  
Inverness

### MetroLink changes just a political game

#### TO THE EDITOR:

There is an old saying that two wrongs don't make one right.

That seems to be the case concerning the city of East St. Louis and its ongoing dispute with the Bi-State Development Agency. The dispute centers around an overpass at 71st and St. Clair to make way for the light rail.

My recommendation to Mayor Bush is this: stop stalling the light rail project and spend more time on seeing how many East St. Louis residents are working on the project.

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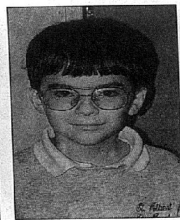
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## Voice Box

Name a new holiday and how would you celebrate ?



Nancy Hightshoe, 40  
St. Louis  
professional speaker



Tim Doonan, 9  
Belleville  
future 2nd base Cards



Linda Vanderplum, 30  
Fairview Heights  
co-ordinator/director



Beth Ann Rautlon, 30ish  
O'Fallon  
hair accessories



Jessica Peach, 14  
Columbia  
student/cross country runner

"Best Friends Day in the spring because it is a time of renewal, growth and beauty. I have a lot of best friends and I would tell them all I love them and how they have blessed me."

"Sports day, October 1. Everything closed. All ages play sports."

"Parents holiday, every Friday. Kids have to do their parents job. No exceptions. I would leave the house and go where they couldn't find me."

"Role reversal day. Parents and children, a sci-fi. Friday 13th, full moon. Also change roles with my husband."

"I just want to run day. Leave the house, go some place with a friend, shop with all my friends, sleep in."

Photos and interviews by Barb Helfrich  
Interviewed at St. Albert the Great School and Marvins Camera



# Santa Suggests

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## Obituaries

### Hazel Arnold

HAZEL ARNOLD, 92, of Pontoon Beach, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Arnold was born Oct. 21, 1906, in Canaan. She was a partner in Arnold Coal Company in Decatur and was a member of the Church of the Brethren of Decatur.

Survivors include her daughter, Millicent Stomum of Pontoon Beach; two grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Arnold; her parents, James and Ella (Teilla) Leath; a son, James Arnold; a grandson, David McCleary, five sisters and a brother.

Services were held Friday, Dec. 4, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Max Wood officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery in Decatur.

### Cheryl Finazzo

CHERYL A. FINAZZO, 48, of Pontoon Beach, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 1998, at her residence.

Mrs. Finazzo was born June 6, 1952, in Highland. She was a member of Glenview Chapel Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, Edward J. Finazzo; a son, Edward Finazzo of Pontoon Beach; two daughters, Jennifer Finazzo of Pontoon Beach and Kimberly Finazzo of Edwardsville; her mother, Cherie (Wright) Rozum of Pontoon Beach; a brother, Rick Rozum of Pontoon Beach; two sisters, Karen Hartline of Caseyville; and two grandchildren, Kenna Simburger and Nathan Allen Gessler.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carl Rozum.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 6, at Weeber Funeral Home, 304 North Main in Edwardsville.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Glenview Chapel Assembly of God Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Rick McGowan officiating. Burial will be in Woodview Cemetery in Edwardsville.

### June Nichols

JUNE (BENSON) NICHOLS, 81, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mrs. Nichols was born June 19, 1917, in Batesville, Ark. She was

retired from Kingdom Treasures Christian Book Store and was a member of First United Church of Christ. She was also a volunteer for Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Survivors include her daughters, Sandra Byrd of Maryville and Gail Schmidt of Collinsville; three grandsons, Philip Schmidt of Collinsville and Eric Byron and Chris Byron, both of Collinsville; and a granddaughter, Lisa Wegert of Fergusson, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Nichols; her parents, Roy and Arlie (Taylor) Benson; two sisters, Mildred Kibbe and Mary Martinez; and a grandson, Jeffrey Schmidt.

Services were Saturday at Herr Funeral Home in Collinsville, with the Rev. Joseph Schmitt officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

### Dorothy Rapoff Petrillo

DOROTHY RAPOFF PETRILLO, 76, of Granite City, died Monday, Nov. 16, 1998, at Missouri Baptist Medical Center.

Mrs. Petrillo was born Sept. 20, 1922, in Granite City. She was a member of the Lincoln Place Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Madeline Anderson of St. Louis and Victoria Anderson of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; a son, Tony Petrillo of St. Louis; two brothers, Jordan and Andrew Rapoff; and her grandchildren, David and Gregory Rapoff.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tony and Mary Rapoff.

Mrs. Petrillo's body was donated to the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 6, at Dillard Funeral Home, 160 East Main in Huntington, Tenn.

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can Revolution and the Genealogical and Historical Societies of Macoupin, Monroe and St. Clair counties.

Survivors include her son, James Schoen of Mesa, Ariz.; a daughter, Nancy Enahser of Burke, Va.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Winford and Kate (Bird) Hix; two brothers, Winford Hix, James Hix, and Grant Hix; and a sister, Bernice Schoen.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 3, at Irwin Chapel, 3800 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Gary Mott officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

ADRIAN R. "BOB" TOSH, 91, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Tosh was born Oct. 20, 1907, in Huntington, Ind. He was a retired pipe fitter and a member of the Granite City Steel and was a member of First United Pentecostal Church in Granite City.

Survivors include his friend, Anna Mercedes of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rachel (Hawthorn) Tosh; his parents, Allen and Molly (Hall) Tosh; three brothers and two sisters.

Local services were held Friday, Dec. 4, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Kenneth Reeves officiating.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 6, at Dillard Funeral Home, 160 East Main in Huntington, Tenn.

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## Prosecutors rest Stewart case Columbia man portrayed as spiteful

By Frank Gluck  
Staff writer

Prosecutors in the trial of Brian T. Stewart rested their case Friday after spending two days trying to portray him as an often-violent man spiteful enough to inject his own son with HIV-tainted blood just to escape years of child-support payments.

On Thursday and Friday, witnesses testified that Stewart had made threats to "inject anyone with anything," had refused to believe he was the boy's father, and that no other explanation could account for the boy's infection.

Stewart, 32, of Columbia, Ill., and formerly of St. Charles County, was charged with first-degree assault. If convicted, he could face life imprisonment.

Prosecutors believe Stewart infected his son in 1992 while he was alone with him in a Lake Saint Louis hospital room.

On Thursday, Detective Kevin Wilson of the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department testified how his two-year investigation led only to Stewart.

That conclusion was reached "after considering the totality of everything I had uncovered," Wilson said.

Specifically, he said he discovered that Stewart had made threats to infect people who got in his way, that Stewart repeatedly denied he was the boy's father, that Stewart had access to blood samples through his work as a phlebotomist at then-Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, and that no other risk factors could account for the boy's infection.

Defense attorney Joe Murphy contends that the boy's exposure to at least three intravenous drug users and two convicted child sex offenders, and his frequent hospital stays, could account for the infection.

On Friday, the jury heard testimony from those former IV drug users and prosecution medical experts.

For a three-week period in 1993, the boy's aunt, Veronica Kasse, her boyfriend, Elliot Lee Parra, and a former boyfriend to the boy's mother, Joshua St. Clair, lived with the boy and his mother, who is identified only by the name of Jennifer.

All three testified that the boy was never present when they injected heroin and cocaine during this period. All three, as well as 23 others who had regular contact with the boy, have tested negative for HIV.

Medical experts Dr. Greg Storch and Dr. Kathleen McGann, both specializing in infectious diseases, each testified that the boy was a low risk for HIV infection and that the prosecution claim that Stewart infected him is the most plausible explanation for the infection.

Finally, Stewart's ex-wife, Elizabeth Stoltz, his ex-girlfriend, Amy Braun, and a man who served with Stewart in the Illinois National Guard testified that Stewart had made comments to them that he could "inject anyone with anything."

Braun also said that Stewart told her during a trip to Chicago they took in July 1996 that the boy had AIDS and would die soon. Prosecutors contend that this was before Stewart was notified about the boy's AIDS diagnosis on May 25, 1996.

During cross-examination, when asked about her current feelings about Stewart, Stoltz told Murphy that she was "bitter."

Defense attorneys began their case late Friday afternoon. They were expected to present witnesses through Saturday.

Stewart's trial is expected to last through next week.

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Medical experts Dr. Greg Storch and Dr. Kathleen McGann, both specializing in infectious diseases, each testified that the boy was a low risk for HIV infection and that the prosecution claim that Stewart infected him is the most plausible explanation for the infection.

Finally, Stewart's ex-wife, Elizabeth Stoltz, his ex-girlfriend, Amy Braun, and a man who served with Stewart in the Illinois National Guard testified that Stewart had made comments to them that he could "inject anyone with anything."

Braun also said that Stewart told her during a trip to Chicago they took in July 1996 that the boy had AIDS and would die soon. Prosecutors contend that this was before Stewart was notified about the boy's AIDS diagnosis on May 25, 1996.

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## Warmer weather affects kettle drive

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and we'll ring five days after Christmas," he said. Another concern is bell-ringers. While Colp said

they prefer volunteers, many of the spots are being filled with part-time workers. "I still have trouble filling every spot. I've had 172 bell ringers apply, but they work

a day or two and then quit," he said. He also said they are still taking applications for Christmas baskets and toys.

He said the number of people applying is down slightly. Part of that is because of the welfare-to-work programs.

"We think there are a lot of people out there who have gone back to work, and think that if they're working, they are not eligible anymore," he said.

In many cases, "especially if they are working a part-time or minimum-wage job," they are still eligible. "They need to call and find out," Colp said.

Distribution of Christmas baskets and toys will be Dec. 21 and 22.

For information, call Colp at 451-7957.

## Superintendent resigns after county probe

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He said he does not plan changes in the way the accounts are handled because no matter what system is employed, some individuals would have to be trusted to stay honest.

He said once the problem was uncovered, the matter was discussed with Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine, who recommended Sipes be given a chance to resign rather than pursue criminal charges.

To make a criminal case,

the records would have had to be taken from Sipes, and that would have tipped him that an investigation was afoot and allowed him to escape detection, Hertz said. A winnable criminal case would have been doubtful, he said.

Churchich said, however, that once the total amount is determined, the Sheriff's Department will seek to get the money back, even if it means filing a civil suit.

"We're not going to let him walk away with that money," Sipes was reprimanded in May for allowing his son to be released on bond without the required cash bail being

posted.

In that incident, Sipes reportedly told a jailer by phone to let his son go, and that he, Sipes, would bring the cash in the next day. Suspects are required to spend the night in jail if they cannot post cash bail.

Sipes has been replaced by former assistant jail superintendent Joseph Gulash, who has been with the department for 19 years. Gulash will carry the title acting superintendent.

There is no timetable for naming a permanent replacement, Churchich said.

## Madison cracks down on kerosene heaters

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While kerosene burns, it will not explode violently like

gasoline.

"It's going to wind up exploding and there will be loss of life," he said. Mayor John Hamm also

noted that in many cases, residents using kerosene heaters are disabling smoke detectors because the heaters set them off.

Alderman Norris Horton said the city needed to strictly enforce its ordinance. "The sensible thing to do is enforce the ordinance," Horton said.

"In not trying, they're not only endangering their family, they're endangering the community," he said. "The city would be remiss in not enforcing the law."

Hava said citations have been issued, but the people involved "had no money." He also said child welfare agencies are about to become involved in the situation, and have asked that the city to delay action and told him that his actions have caused the families "distress."

Horton and other council members pointed out that if there was a fire or explosion at the home, it would be the city's responsibility, not the agency's. After discussion, Hamm went to each council member on what to do, the consensus was for very strict enforcement.

"It's for the public safety," Hamm said later. "You start getting people with kerosene heaters, and we've found that people will take jumper cables and attach them to power lines. People are taking their lives in their hands."

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## Mitchell village incorporation hearing scheduled Dec. 17

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month later Mitchell's first petition to have the incorporation question placed on the ballot.

The new map — 7.28 square miles, less than half the size of the original map — met the only two criteria the Board was allowed to consider. The criteria were that the map fits with the county's land use plan, passed in the 1970s, and that the land to be incorporated had sufficient tax base to support its people.

The major question now is whether the Mitchell plan includes the required number of residents to satisfy state rules governing incorporations. The number needed is 17,500 when adjacent cities offer

objections, but less than half that when no opposition is offered.

The cities of Granite City and Edwardsville have annexed numerous properties both in areas claimed by Mitchell and in areas supporters deliberately left out of the new map.

Granite City took in almost seven dozen Nameoki Township properties in August, with annexation requests being filed before Mitchell supporters could refile their petition with the courts.

Recently, the city annexed the huge AmerenUE (formerly Union Electric) property north of Interstate 270, which effectively cut in two the first incarnation of the Mitchell map.

At the same time last August, owners of more than

300 Nameoki Township properties petitioned the courts to be left out of the Mitchell incorporation. Critics of the incorporation effort say that action, coupled with annexations, has left Mitchell with far less than the 7,500 they need.

However, Mitchell supporters say they will challenge those annexations or they will be struck down as illegal by the courts, particularly because they say the annexations are not contiguous and that both the Mitchell and Long Lake fire districts would be cut in two. The annexations would leave homeowners cut off from their fire protection, Trimmer said.

"Once we filed (our) petition, it froze the area," he said. Mitchell supporters had to

wait one year from the date Bono dismissed the first petition. Because of that deadline, Granite City enacted a rapid annexation campaign before the Mitchell petition could be legally filed. Mitchell supporters will also challenge Edwardsville's attempt to annex the property along Illinois 111 containing the new Dial warehouse. The land is within the approved Mitchell map as well as the Mitchell fire district.

Critics say there is no way Edwardsville could provide fire protection for the property without building a new station.

"We'll just have to see," Trimmer said. "All of it will have to go in front of the judge."

## Painter helps out disabled

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groups and clubs around Madison County.

The building is closed down now, except one can sometimes see Bagl sitting on the front porch of his old business, right next to his brother's home, he said.

Giesler himself can sometimes be seen at work. When a Alton group organized residents to help repaint the Plaza Bird just north of Alton on Highway 3, Giesler jumped at the chance to lend his artistic

talent to the project.

Each painter was lowered down the cliff face for a few minutes to paint a detail on the Bird and added their mark to this very visible artwork.

Giesler said he would have to repaint the home again next year, especially because of its proximity to the steel mill.

He's simply doing what he should be doing, he said. "Give, and it will come back to you," he said.

For more information on the free painting service, call Giesler at 797-5496.

## Special council meeting Tuesday

The Granite City Council will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the council chambers at Granite City Hall in downtown Granite City. Granite City Clerk Judy Whitaker has announced.

Personnel matters and other pressing city business will be discussed at the meeting, Whitaker said.

## 'Business as usual,' say area gun store owners

By Daryl Howlett  
Staff writer

For many Illinois gun shop owners, it was "business as usual" this week after the extension of the Brady Law took effect.

**ALTON** The new law requires all states to

conduct an instant, federal criminal-background check with the FBI.

Along with the background checks, the current five-day waiting period under the original Brady Law expired.

In the state of Illinois, there is a waiting period of 24 hours for a long gun and 72 hours for a handgun.

"Only the people affected are out-of-state customers that don't understand the background checks," said Don Page, owner of Raymond's Guns & Ammo in Alton. "The problem with Missouri is they don't have a firearms owner identification cards."

To own a gun in Missouri, residents must obtain a gun permit from local authorities. The gun must be registered through the law enforcement agency with a serial number.

"This could be confusing in trying to comply (with the gun laws) on national levels," Page said, who has been the owner of his business for more than 25 years.

"I've more or less seen all the changes. The gun laws in Illinois have been current since 1968."

Illinois State Police Trooper Ralph Timmins, said he applauds the background checks.

"I don't foresee any significant changes in Illinois. The state already requires a mandatory check," he said.

"We have a close proximity to Missouri and we're excited

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guidelines for gun laws will go across the nation equally."

The Gun Shop in Troy said the Brady Law will not have a profound impact on sales. "My opinion is it doesn't really affect Illinois residents. Our system has been implemented for years. It's not going to bother us," said owner Brian Carpenter. "Our system is in place and it works."

Carpenter said with his shop located in Troy all his customers are from Illinois, and doesn't foresee any problems with Brady Law Extension.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, however, wants Congress to pass legislation to install another waiting period on purchasing handguns.

Durbin said that while he is in favor of the instant criminal check, the new system will not be enough to protect citizens.

"The Brady waiting period may be the only barrier between a woman and her

abusive husband whose local restraining order doesn't show up on a computer check or the only obstacle in the way of a troubled person planning to commit suicide and take others with him," he said.

"Extending this law is not about more government. It's about fewer gun crimes victims."

Durbin, along with Jim and Sarah Brady, would require a minimum three-day waiting period after a buyer applies to purchase a firearm.

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A friend of mine said, "I think God is calling you to a special prayer." And I think she was right. Since then, I have spent those quiet moments with Him so he can pour more of Himself into my heart and strengthen me for the day ahead.

Then, I can pass on to you, dear readers, the sweet treasures of His storehouse of wisdom. It is only after I rest in Him that I am able to once

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

again fall into a deep and healing sleep.

In the Old Testament, at 3 p.m., 9 p.m., midnight and 3 a.m., men turned to God to pray. This was called the

"night watch," a time of communication with God. If you find yourself awakened in the middle of the night, the Bible says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

First I would start with giving thanks. Besides presenting the greatest matters in life, take the little or trivial things also to God. If something keeps you awake at night immediately turn to Him. Search your heart and if you find something is disturbing your peace of mind, look to the Father and you will be restored to calm.

Speak to the Lord about anything that may be troubling you, a trial you may be facing, a business problem, or family issue.

Remember, you are God's masterpiece and your life is

your masterpiece. You are a beautiful sculpture molded of the clay of the dust of the earth. If for some reason, it has become marred, just turn to God and He will take hold of your heart and remold it again and give you a clean start.

He is the problem-solver, the dissolver of doubts and the giver of dreams that can hold the solutions.

I have found something that will replace the need of sleeping pills in a hurry. Pick up your Bible to read in bed; it's a foolproof way to conquer insomnia.

I believe when we open up the word of God angels crowd near. And when we speak to Him our worries and cares disappear and He gives us songs in the night.

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Every individual in the world has his or her own personality or spirit. In the middle of the day, you can feel the press and jostling of millions of spirits running to and fro after this or that. How peaceful it is when God lets them fall asleep and the night becomes so still.

I can almost hear Him sigh a great sigh of relief. Then He bends down and hovers over someone He wants to talk to someone He loves, someone He wants to reveal the treasures of His heart to.

One of the most glorious things I know of is to wake in the middle of the night and hear a single bird singing its heart out to God. Let's imitate nature in the night watch and after our requests are known, let us sing our hearts out in praise to a very precious, loving heavenly Father.

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Nancy Sue Padgett celebrates a birthday today, Dec. 6.

Sally Kellermann celebrates a birthday Dec. 7.  
Carl and Georgia Downs celebrate their wedding anniversary Dec. 8.

Dave Gordon celebrates a birthday Dec. 8.  
Maria Fernandez celebrates a birthday Dec. 8.  
Ray Israel celebrates a birthday Dec. 8.

Duane Smallie celebrates a birthday Dec. 8.

Judy Severine Chapman celebrates a birthday Dec. 8.  
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Theresa Hozian celebrates a birthday Dec. 8.  
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brates a birthday Dec. 9.  
Laura Winnie celebrates a birthday Dec. 9.  
Josh Smallie celebrates a birthday Dec. 9.  
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## American Legion past commanders stage annual fall meeting

The Egyptian Post Commanders and Past Presidents clubs of the American Legion and Auxiliary met on Nov. 20, 21 and 22 in Carbondale. This event, which was held for the 62nd time, is held the third weekend of November each year.

Special emphasis of these groups is the Haven on Crab Orchard Lake. This is a recreation lodge where veterans from the Marion VA Nursing Home and area nursing homes are taken on certain days during the week for an afternoon of relaxation, fresh air, fishing and just to enjoy outdoors and the lake. Refreshments are served at each outing.

On Friday, about 35 members toured the new facilities at the Marion VA facility and visited with the patients in the nursing home.

Friday evening, a steak fry was held at the Haven, where members enjoyed eating and visiting.

Saturday morning, a visit was made to Giant City State Park for breakfast. Following this, an open house was held at the Haven. Saturday evening, a banquet was attended by 120 people. The special guests

were John Morris, National Vice Commander of the Midwest Region of the American Legion, and Houston Vincent Gaughan, Illinois Department Commander of the American Legion from Chicago. Rose Marie Loparco, Central Division National Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary from Homewood; Marilyn Lee, Illinois Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary from Chicago; Richard Kaplanski, Illinois Detachment Commander of the Sons of the American Legion from Morton Grove; and Earl Alast, Director of the Marion VA Medical Center.

Sunday morning, the Egyptian Past Presidents Club held their annual breakfast and meeting at the Holiday Inn in Carbondale. Mrs. Norma Hillmer from Madison served as President of the club during the past year.

Special guests were John Morris, Vincent Gaughan; Arthur Rawers, NEC of Illinois; and Bill Flanagan, who served as president of the Egyptian Past Commanders Club this year, from New Baden.

Favors and decorations, made by Hillmer, were angels. Marilyn Lee and Rose Marie Loparco were guests and gave short speeches at the meeting.

The Egyptian Past Presidents Club held their business meeting at the Haven on Sunday morning. Reba Bennett of West Frankfort was elected President of the EPP Club and Bill Flanagan of New Baden was elected for a second term for the EPP Club.

All past presidents and past commanders of any levels of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary can become a member of this club.

Those attending from the Tri-City area were John Miller, Jack Miller and Louis Martin from Venice-Madison Post 307; Norma Miller, Dorothy Hinson, Evelyn Tolliver and Loretta Martin from Venice-Madison Unit 307; and Harold Chandler of Tri-City Post 113.

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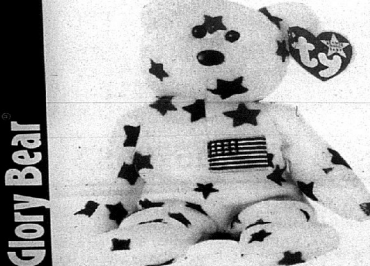
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## Young at Heart organization holds monthly meeting



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The Young at Heart senior citizens organization recently recognized several members for outstanding achievements at its November meeting. Above, club members Betty and Dale Ramey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, while Gladys Koiser, right, was recently installed as club vice president. The Catholic-oriented group meets on a monthly basis, with programs presented at each meeting.



The Young at Heart senior citizens organization of Holy Family Catholic Church held its monthly meeting on Nov. 16 in the church community center.

The meeting opened with Sister Jean Patrick installing Gladys Koiser as Vice President. Sister Patrick then led members in prayer. President Cleola Siebert followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was conducted with Cleo Schnefke, recording secretary, reading the minutes of the October meeting.

followed by the treasurer's report, given by Goldie Rozycke.

Marilyn Schooley, friendship chairperson, sent get-well cards to Violet Holder and Lucille Caban. An anniversary card was sent to Emma and Earl Marti, who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. Connie McGee, membership, reported 74 members in attendance. Birthdays celebrated in November were Ann Walsh, Irene Kadanec, Peggy Ritchie, Jean Francis, Agnes Gulash, Lucille Mossa and Lorraine

Parkinson.

President Siebert thanked members for bringing their canned foods in December to fill the Christmas baskets for the needy.

This year's Christmas dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 at the regular monthly meeting. Petri's will cater the dinner; the price is \$7. Gladys Koiser is taking reservations.

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The Rugrats  
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The Waterboy (PG-13) 2:20, 4:25, 7:25, 9:35  
A Bug's Life (G) 2:05, 4:20, 7:05, 9:20  
Home Fries (PG-13) 2:00, 4:10, 7:30, 9:30  
The Rugrats Movie (G) 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

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Home Fries (PG-13) 2:10, 4:30, 6:50  
Enemy Of The State (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10  
A Bug's Life (G) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30  
Babe (G) 2:40, 5:10, 7:20  
The Rugrats Movie (G) 2:45, 4:40, 6:40  
Psycho (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:00

**COTTONWOOD**  
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656-6390

Antz (PG) 2:00, 6:45  
Rush Hour (PG-13) 2:15, 7:00  
The Siege (R) 2:30, 7:15

**NAMEOKI CINEMA**

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Ringmaster (R) 2:15, 7:00  
I'll Be Home For Christmas (PG) 2:30, 7:15

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822-4900

The Rugrats Movie (G) 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00  
The Rugrats Movie (G) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 8:00  
Very Bad Things (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 7:50, 10:20  
Ringmaster (R) 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20  
A Bug's Life (G) 1:50, 3:15, 5:25, 7:45, 9:55  
A Bug's Life (G) 2:15, 4:25, 7:15, 9:25  
Living Out Loud (R) 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40  
The Waterboy (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:50, 8:00, 10:50  
The Waterboy (PG-13) 2:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00  
American History X (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
Meet Joe Black (PG-13) 1:00, 4:40, 8:20  
Meet Joe Black (PG-13) 2:00, 5:40, 9:20  
Pleasantville (PG-13) 2:30, 5:20, 8:05

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# Horoscope

**Sunday, Dec. 6**  
The morning's events help firm up our goals. What has been established will be upheld. As the moon dances into Leo this afternoon, a theatrical tone engages even the most mundane events. Though many feel like making split-second decisions, it's best to hold off at least until Thursday, when Mercury resumes a direct transit.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**  
(Dec. 6). The year ahead is chock-full of people, places and the opportunity to use knowledge and experience you've gained during the past few years. On the job this month, you're working alongside extremely talented people on a worthwhile project. If you stay positive, you'll learn enough to become the leader. Envy is your worst enemy. Love follows you when you move in April or June.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When loved ones are not sold by your presentation, take a new, more honest approach. Romantic partners thrive on challenge, so don't be too easy! Be hypothetical regarding financial arrangements before committing.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Be prepared to go the distance, and you probably will be. Living up to your expectations can be difficult for a mate — once you release preconceived notions, you feel more loving. Surprises delight you.

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**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It may be time to either get serious about a lover or let this person go gracefully. You are a strong presence in the midst of upheaval and reorganization. People depend on your levity to get in touch with their own humor.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Others reach turning points at a different time than you. If you don't try and make everything fit into a logical structure, you can actually make sense of a complex relationship. Psychic feelings are comforting.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Whoever is not right can lead you to the person who is. You are creatively fulfilled by a new hobby. Financial decisions go your way with a little push. Balance your feelings before revealing them to a new love.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Appearances are increasingly important. Others like your agility and elegance and may try to show you off. Catch up with correspondence. This week, money comes from

commissions and unexpected assignments.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Unknown answers hang over your head, just waiting to be discovered. Supercharged emotions need a chance to diffuse. Write about what you are feeling before you talk to others about it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pick up creative projects where someone else gave up. A professional approach to even the most personal goals is what allows you to feel masterful. Purchases are lucky, especially if related to transportation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's no danger of slipping into a rut when you are honest about your feelings. Others are right when they are not. The afternoon highlights your competitive nature.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A neighbor shares fabulous ideas. Be determined not to repeat past mistakes. Travel leads to a long-distance love affair. Play it safe in the financial department. Your talents are admired in a social circle.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may be asked to prove yourself, so make sure you know the platform on which you stand. Preparations you make now bring huge rewards next week. Venture out of your comfort zone in a new relationship.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It is lucky to make your career goals known to family members. Adopt a new health regime to reduce stress. Confrontations end in mutual respect. Instincts are keen on the romantic front.

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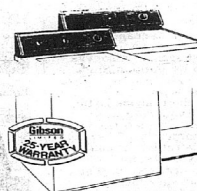
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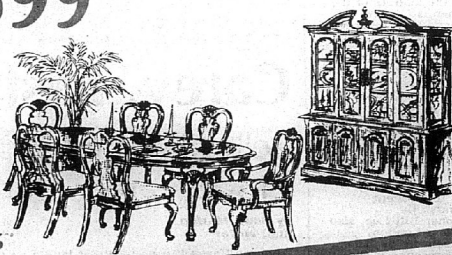
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## Big man signs on Edwardsville's Lytle headed to Evansville

From one E'ville to another — that's how it will be for Edwardsville High School senior basketball player Dan Lytle, who has signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Evansville in Indiana.

The first player inked by the Aces during the fall signing period, the 6-foot-10 Lytle has a huge task ahead of him this season in trying to prove that Edwardsville can follow a 26-2 season and challenge East St. Louis Senior and its prep All-American, 6-9 junior Darius Miles.

Of Lytle, Edwardsville coach Mike Waldo said: "One of his greatest attributes is he's a good shooter and already has a very good hook shot. He also shoots well from the perimeter and is a very good ballhandler and passer for a big man."

Evansville coach Jim Crew said: "Dan has a great attitude, a great work ethic, and he's someone we believe will fit very well into our program. He's a good shot-blocker, he runs the floor well and he wants to get better."

From the collegiate point, the 215-pound Lytle offers unlimited potential which Waldo confirmed by saying: "He's probably not through growing yet. He's a hard worker in the weight room. He's gotten stronger, and he'll continue to do that." Lytle's meetings with Miles are set for Dec. 18 at East St. Louis and Feb. 5 in Edwardsville.

### Overtime

Lytle, who averaged 13 points and 10 rebounds per game last season, also was recruited by Indiana State, Ball State and Butler — also Indiana schools.

One of the reasons Lytle selected Evansville was "because it seemed the whole community of Evansville rallied around the basketball team." Lytle is accurate in that regard, but this corner would like to see more of the same regarding women's basketball since daughter Beth is senior player for the Lady Aces.

The Evansville women oppose St. Louis University on Dec. 23 at the Kiel Center in a 5:15 p.m. prelude to the men's SLU vs. Kansas game.

Among the leaders of the SLU women is Granite City native Jamie Cavaness, a senior forward.

### Extra innings

Evansville also has a franchise in the Class A Frontier League, the independent professional baseball league which will include O'Fallon, Mo., this summer and a Fairview Heights-O'Fallon team by 2000.

The Frontier League, according to a recent announcement by commissioner Bill Lee, also will include a London, Ontario, team in '99. The Canadian presence is the result of a move there by the former Kalamazoo, Mich., Kodiaks.

London will play in a 5,400-seat stadium and be in the league's East Division. Evansville, Ind., O'Fallon, Mo., Springfield and Cook County will be in the West. The Cook County Cheetahs, based in Crestwood, a southern suburb of Chicago, will play in the new 3,400-seat Hawkinson Ford Field.



Illinois Warriors freshman Luke Forrester (85) pressures an O'Fallon puckhandler during Wednesday night's game.

## O'Fallon handles reeling Warriors

Panthers keep defending champs winless in last three contests

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

O'Fallon forward Joel Leiker broke in alone and scored a short-handed goal Wednesday night to help the Panthers sink the

**CLUB ICE HOCKEY**  
Illinois Warriors 6-3 in a Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association game.

Leiker's short-handed tally helped the Panthers sink a 5-2 lead and kept the Illinois Warriors winless in their last three games. The Warriors, defending MVCHA champs, are 2-2-1 after starting the season with impressive one-goal wins against Alton Marquette and Edwardsville.

O'Fallon never trailed in Wednesday's game at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

The Panthers scored at the 2:24 mark of the first period when Ryan McKinney skated around the Warriors defense and flicked a wrist shot on a tight angle past Warriors keeper Scott Bronbauer. The Warriors equalized two minutes later. A point-blank save by Bronbauer led to a Warriors breakout. Captain Bobby Meszaros feathered a pass from behind the O'Fallon net to defenseman Robyn Slater at the point. Slater's shot bounced off goalie Ben Burrow and Meszaros slid the

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### ALL-JOURNAL GIRLS TENNIS TEAM



T.L. Witt photos

Belleville West junior Lauren Carey, left, was named the girls tennis singles player of the year by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois while Belleville East's Becky Brunner and Lindsey Stadelman were selected as the doubles team of the year.

## Carey, East doubles team earn top honors

Belleville West junior compiles 115-15 career mark in singles

By Scott Marlon  
Staff writer

Lauren Carey has had a great tennis career at Belleville West — and she's not finished yet.

Carey, a junior, has been named the Singles Player of the Year this fall by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

Sharing co-captain duties with senior Lindsey McMullin, Carey had a combined singles and doubles record of 38-9 this season. Her three-year varsity record is 115-15, good for eighth place on the Maroons' all-time victory list.

"With a good year next year, she could pass Anne Castello (now playing

as a sophomore at Washington & Lee University in Virginia) for No. 1 on the all-time list," said West coach Bob Keefe. "Anne had 149 wins, so Lauren needs 34 wins to tie her."

This season, Carey took first place in the Champaign Centennial Invitational, the Bloomington Purple Invitational and the Southwestern Conference Tournament. She also placed third in the Belleville East Invitational.

In doubles, Carey and her partner, McMullin, won the sectional championship and went on to place

By Scott Marlon  
Staff writer

As doubles partners, Belleville East tennis players Becky Brunner and Lindsey Stadelman spent only part of the 1998 season together.

But their overall accomplishments resulted in the Lancers duo being named the Doubles Team of the Year by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

Brunner, a junior, was 23-6 in singles and 11-5 in doubles. Stadelman, a senior, was 12-4 in singles and 21-11 in doubles.

"Lindsey was a four-year state qualifier in doubles," said Lancers coach Mike Thompson. "She's No. 1 on

our career wins list with 135 — 46 in singles and 89 in doubles.

"She's real competitive and her groundstroke game is real good. She's worked real hard to keep improving. Her volley game got better, too."

"Becky's strength is her athleticism. She's worked hard to improve her serve game, and her volley game around the net has always been good. She uses volleys and overheads very effectively in doubles."

Brunner and Stadelman were 10-5 as a doubles team against some of the toughest competition in the state.

"They finished second at the first

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## Boys basketball schedules

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS  
Overall record (1-1)  
Coach: Doug McCrory

November		
28 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central	L 66-70	
30 Pattonville (Mo.) Tournament		
vs. Florissant (Mo.) McCluer	W 71-69	
vs. St. Louis CBC	8-45 p.m.	

December		
8 O'Fallon	8 p.m.	
11 at Alton	8 p.m.	
12 at Alton	8 p.m.	
18 Granite City	8 p.m.	
19 at Belleville West	8 p.m.	
28-30 Collinsville Tournament	TBA	

January		
2 Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
8 Collinsville	8 p.m.	
15 East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
19-23 Belleville East Tournament	TBA	
29 Alton	8 p.m.	
30 Waterloo Shootout	7:30 p.m.	
vs. Jefferson City (Mo.)	7:30 p.m.	

February		
5 at Granite City	8 p.m.	
12 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
19 at Collinsville	8 p.m.	
20 Belleville West	8 p.m.	
26 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS  
Overall record (3-1)  
Coach: Bill Schmidt

November		
24-28 Belleville West Tournament	W 48-40	
24 vs. M'Fallon	W 70-69 (OT)	
27 vs. O'Fallon	W 72-54	
28 vs. Triad	W 72-54	

December		
4 St. Louis Univ. High	8 p.m.	
11 East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
12 at Granite City	8 p.m.	
18 at Alton	8 p.m.	
19 Belleville East	8 p.m.	
28-30 Centralia Tournament	TBA	

January		
8 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
9 O'Fallon	8 p.m.	
15 Gibault	8 p.m.	
19 at Collinsville	8 p.m.	
19-23 Belleville East Tournament	TBA	
30 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	

February		
5 Alton	8 p.m.	
12 Granite City	8 p.m.	
13 at Alton	8 p.m.	
19 Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
20 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
26 Collinsville	8 p.m.	

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS  
Coach: Bob Bone  
Overall record (2-1)

November		
26-28 at Peoria Tournament	L 53-65	
28 vs. Quincy	W 64-60	
29 vs. Quincy	W 64-60	

December		
4 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
11 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
12 St. Louis Novak Jr. ROTC	8 p.m.	
18 at Centralia	8 p.m.	
28-30 Schnucks Holiday Classic	TBA	

January		
2 Alton	8 p.m.	
8 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
9 St. Louis Beaumont	8 p.m.	
18 at Granite City	8 p.m.	
20 Belleville West	8 p.m.	

February		
5 Alton	8 p.m.	
12 Granite City	8 p.m.	
13 at Alton	8 p.m.	
19 Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
20 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
26 Collinsville	8 p.m.	

23 Hazelwood (Mo.) West	8 p.m.
29 East St. Louis	8 p.m.
30 Edwardsville	8 p.m.

October		
5 Jefferson City (Mo.)	8 p.m.	
12 at Alton	8 p.m.	
13 Quincy	7:30 p.m.	
20 Belleville East	8 p.m.	
30 Granite City	8 p.m.	

November		
25-28 Galesburg Tournament	W 70-61	
25 vs. Galesburg	W 63-59	
27 vs. Aurora West	W 66-44	
28 vs. Perry Woodruff	W 66-44	
29 Triad	8 p.m.	

December		
4 at Granite City	8 p.m.	
11 Collinsville	8 p.m.	
15 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
18 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
19 at Taylorville	8 p.m.	
26-30 Charleston (Mo.) Tournament	TBA	

January		
2 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
8 Belleville West	8 p.m.	
15 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
18 at Belleville West	8 p.m.	
30 at Collinsville	8 p.m.	

February		
2 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
5 East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
6 Cahokia	8 p.m.	
12 Belleville East	8 p.m.	
18 at Belleville West	8 p.m.	
23 Triad	8 p.m.	
29 at Alton	8 p.m.	

December		
4 St. Louis Univ. High	8 p.m.	
11 East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
12 at Granite City	8 p.m.	
18 at Alton	8 p.m.	
19 Belleville East	8 p.m.	
28-30 Centralia Tournament	TBA	

January		
8 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
9 O'Fallon	8 p.m.	
15 Gibault	8 p.m.	
19 at Collinsville	8 p.m.	
19-23 Belleville East Tournament	TBA	
30 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	

February		
5 Alton	8 p.m.	
12 Granite City	8 p.m.	
13 at Alton	8 p.m.	
19 Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
20 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
26 Collinsville	8 p.m.	

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS  
Overall record (3-1)  
Coach: John Van Buskirk

November		
23-28 at Alton Tournament	W 60-51	
23 vs. Springfield Langlier	W 75-59	
25 vs. Cahokia	W 75-59	
28 vs. Madison	W 44-40	

December		
4 Edwardsville	8 p.m.	
5 at Triad	8 p.m.	
12 Belleville West	8 p.m.	
18 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
28-30 Collinsville Tournament	TBA	

January		
5 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
8 East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
15 Collinsville	8 p.m.	
22 Springfield North	8 p.m.	
29 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
30 at Alton	8 p.m.	

February		
5 Belleville East	8 p.m.	
12 at Belleville West	8 p.m.	
18 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
20 at Collinsville	8 p.m.	
23 Alton	8 p.m.	

MASCOUTAH INDIANS  
Overall record (3-2)

November		
23 vs. Roxana (FH)	5-45 p.m.	
24 vs. Alton (EA)	7:15 p.m.	
27 vs. Granite City (GC)	8:15 p.m.	

December		
1 vs. Belleville West (FH)	7:45 p.m.	
7 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	7:30 p.m.	
11 vs. Roxana (EA)	7:15 p.m.	

January		
5 at Belleville East	8 p.m.	
12 at Belleville West	8 p.m.	
18 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
20 at Collinsville	8 p.m.	
23 Alton	8 p.m.	

February		
5 Belleville East	8 p.m.	
12 at Belleville West	8 p.m.	
18 at East St. Louis	8 p.m.	
20 at Collinsville	8 p.m.	
23 Alton	8 p.m.	

December		
5 vs. Belleville West (FH)	4:15 p.m.	
6 vs. Marquette (EA)	8:45 p.m.	
13 vs. Collinsville (FH)	6 p.m.	
15 vs. Cahokia (FH)	7:45 p.m.	
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH)	8:45 p.m.	
27 vs. Granite City (FH)	8:45 p.m.	
29 vs. Belleville East (FH)	6:45 p.m.	

January		
3 vs. Alton (FH)	8 p.m.	
9 vs. Roxana (FH)	4:15 p.m.	
10 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	8:15 p.m.	
12 vs. Belleville West (FH)	8:15 p.m.	
18 vs. Alton-Marquette (FH)	7:45 p.m.	
21 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	2:30 p.m.	
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	7:30 p.m.	
30 vs. Cahokia (CA)	6:15 p.m.	

February		
3 vs. Granite City (FH)	8:15 p.m.	
6 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)	4:15 p.m.	
13 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	4 p.m.	

December		
14 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	L 3-7	
16 at Alton (FH)	W 10-3	
21 vs. Cahokia (CA)	L 1-4	
28 vs. Belleville East (FH)	W 4-3	
29 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	W 3-1	

January		
5 vs. Collinsville (FH)	5:45 p.m.	
13 vs. Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.	
19 vs. O'Fallon (FH)	4:15 p.m.	
20 vs. Belleville West (FH)	6 p.m.	
21 vs. Granite City (FH)	7:45 p.m.	
27 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	7:15 p.m.	
28 vs. Edwardsville (EA)	6:45 p.m.	
29 vs. Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.	

February		
3 vs. Cahokia (FH)	7:30 p.m.	
7 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	7:45 p.m.	
10 vs. Alton Marquette (FH)	4:15 p.m.	
16 vs. Collinsville (FH)	4 p.m.	

## Coach: Scott Oltmann

November		
24-28 Belleville West Tournament	L 66-70 (OT)	
25 vs. Belleville West	W 63-59	
27 vs. Triad	W 53-48	
28 vs. Mater Del	W 53-48	
30 vs. O'Fallon	L 35-54	

December		
1 Alton	W 70-50	
4 Westcliff	8 p.m.	
11 Highland	8 p.m.	
15 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
26-30 Alton Tournament	TBA	

January		
2 at Freiburg	8 p.m.	
5 Jerseyville	8 p.m.	
8 Waterloo	8 p.m.	
9 at Marion	8 p.m.	
15 at Triad	8 p.m.	
19-23 Nashville Tournament	8 p.m.	
29 Triad	8 p.m.	

February		
2 at Highland	8 p.m.	
9 Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
13 at Gibault	8 p.m.	
16 at Waterloo	8 p.m.	
23 Salem	8 p.m.	
25 at Jerseyville	8 p.m.	

TRIAD KNIGHTS  
Overall record (0-4)  
Coach: Bob Sudhoff

November		
24-28 Belleville West Tournament	L 61-69	
24 vs. O'Fallon	L 51-69	
27 vs. Mascoutah	L 59-63	
29 Granite City	8 p.m.	
30 at Collinsville	8 p.m.	

December		
5 Granite City	8 p.m.	
8 at Brees Central	8 p.m.	
9 Highland	8 p.m.	
16 at Highland	8 p.m.	
28-30 Collinsville Tournament	TBA	

January		
8 Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
9 Effingham	8 p.m.	
15 Mascoutah	8 p.m.	
16 Freiburg	8 p.m.	
19-23 Sparta Tournament	TBA	
26 at Mascoutah	8 p.m.	
30 at Jerseyville	8 p.m.	

February		
2 at Mater Del	8 p.m.	
5 Waterloo	8 p.m.	
12 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
19 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
20 Highland	8 p.m.	
23 at Edwardsville	8 p.m.	

WATERLOO BULLDOGS  
Overall record (2-2)

November		
24-28 Waterloo Tournament	W 79-42	
24 vs. New Athens	W 79-42	
25 vs. Maplewood	W 37-49	
27 vs. Greenville	W 52-50	
28 vs. Greenview	L 46-67	

December		
4 at Jerseyville	8 p.m.	
11 Triad	8 p.m.	
12 at Freiburg	8 p.m.	
15 at Madison	8 p.m.	
16 at Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	
29-30 Collinsville Tournament	TBA	

January		
2 Red Bud	8 p.m.	
5 Lebanon	8 p.m.	
6 at Mascoutah	8 p.m.	
15 Highland	8 p.m.	
16 Jerseyville	8 p.m.	
20-23 at Salem Tournament	TBA	
29 Civic Memorial	8 p.m.	

February		
2 at Belleville West (FH)	8 p.m.	
5 at Cahokia (CA)	8 p.m.	
12 at Belleville East (FH)	8 p.m.	
18 at Belleville West (FH)	8 p.m.	
25 at Belleville East (FH)	8 p.m.	
28 vs. Belleville West (FH)	8 p.m.	

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS  
Overall record (2-2-1)

November		
18 vs. Alton Marquette (GC)	W 5-4	
19 vs. Belleville East (EA)	W 4-3	
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)	L 3-4	
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)	L 1-2	

December		
2 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	L 3-6	
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)	4 p.m.	
8 vs. Roxana (GC)	8:15 p.m.	
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)	8:15 p.m.	
21 vs. Belleville East (FH)	7:45 p.m.	
26 vs. Belleville East (FH)	8:15 p.m.	
27 Alton (FH)	7:30 p.m.	
30 vs. Edwardsville (GC)	8:15 p.m.	

January		
6 vs. O'Fallon (GC)	8:15 p.m.	
9 vs. Alton (EA)	5:30 p.m.	
13 vs. Cahokia (GC)	8:15 p.m.	
20 vs. Civic Memorial (GC)	8:15 p.m.	
24 vs. Roxana (EA)	5:45 p.m.	
27 vs. Belleville East (GC)	8:15 p.m.	
30 vs. Belleville West (FH)	4:15 p.m.	

February		
3 vs. Alton (FH)	8:15 p.m.	
13 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)	5:30 p.m.	

TRIAD KNIGHTS  
Overall record (1-2)

November		
15 vs. Jerseyville (EA)	W 3-2	
21 vs. Waterloo (FH)	W 1-0	
23 vs. Freiburg (FH)	L 1-4	
29 vs. Platts Southwestern (EA)	5:45 p.m.	

December		
5 vs. Wood River (FH)	6 p.m.	
8 vs. Mascoutah (FH)	8:15 p.m.	
12 vs. Highland (FH)	8:15 p.m.	
15 vs. Waterloo (FH)	8:15 p.m.	
21 vs. Jerseyville (FH)	8:15 p.m.	
22 at Peoria	8:15 p.m.	
29 vs. Platts Southwestern (FH)	5:45 p.m.	

12	vs. Mascoutah (FH)	.....
15	vs. Highland (FH)	.....
15	vs. Waterloo (FH)	.....
21	vs. Jerseyville (FH)	.....
20	vs. Freeburg (FH)	.....
26	vs. Piassa Southwestern (FH)	.....



# Lancers duo impressive in part-time work

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Bloomington Tournament." Thompson said. "They lost to (Belleville) West (Lauren Carey and Lindsay McMillin) in the finals, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6. They had match point, but just didn't get it."

"They finished seventh at New Trier, but the team they lost to from Hinsdale Central went on to win the state title."

They were third in our tournament at East (losing in the semifinals to Carey and McMillin). The second time we went to Bloomington, they finished third. They lost to a team from Moline that finished fourth at state.

"They beat Edwardsville's No. 1 doubles team, (Laura) Barnhill and (Jessica) Carille, 6-2, 7-5. They also beat good teams from Ottawa and Homewood-Plainsmoor."

If East would have won the

Edwardsville sectional tournament — thus qualifying all six players for the state tournament — Brunner and Stadelman would have played doubles together at state. But Edwardsville edged the Lancers 35-32 for the team title.

"Lindsey and Christy Hoeft were 2-2 in doubles (at state) and finished in the top 32 out of 128 teams," Thompson said. "Thompson said Brunner and Stadelman were 4-2 in singles and finished in the top 17."

As a freshman, Brunner played No. 2 or No. 3 singles. In doubles, she teamed with Brea Phillips for a ninth-place at state. As a sophomore, she played No. 1 singles. Brunner and doubles partner Jamie Esker placed seventh at state.

"The first couple matches with a new doubles came a little shaky, but you've got to get used to their style," Brunner said. "I'm pretty sure I want to play singles next year (at state) and I want to be one of the top players in the state."

"I was really happy with how I did at state, but I was a little disappointed with my season. I had some success my first two years, and I plan to work harder in the offseason. It's a lot harder in singles, but I had a lot of first- and second-place finishes) my previous years and I didn't have many firsts and seconds this year."

"I've been playing a lot with my dad and some friends, and once every week, I play in the morning before school. I'm going to play in a tournament this amount and I'm going to play a lot next summer."

Brunner's father, Mark, is a teaching pro at St. Clair Indoor Tennis Club in O'Fallon.

"I started playing tournaments when I was 10," Brunner said. "I started at St. Clair, and that's where I still play. I've worked with a couple other teachers, but I hit with my dad the most. My serve is more powerful than it used to be, and I'm getting more consistent."

"I try to get him to work me harder. He's a little too easy sometimes, but he knows what I need to work on. Since he comes to most of my matches, he can see what I'm doing wrong."

As with many successful doubles teams, Brunner and

Stadelman had contrasting styles.

"(Stadelman) is really consistent, while I like to hit the ball harder," Brunner said. "With her serving, it's easier to cut the ball off at the net. We won a lot of her serving games."

Coming into one of the most successful girls tennis programs in southern Illinois, Stadelman never envisioned being the Lancers' career victory leader.

"I found out about it after last season, but (Thompson) told me I had a chance to do it," Stadelman said. "I forgot about it until this season, but then I really wanted to get the record."

"I'm surprised I won that many matches. My first couple years, there were a lot of good players in the area. I was happy to make it to state every year."

Stadelman finished by playing doubles at state with Hoeft, a senior. Stadelman's previous doubles partners at state were Allison Neubauer in 1995, Jamie Esker in 1996 and Cate Wolterling in 1997.

"I wanted to play with Becky, but (Thompson) said if we went together in doubles, nobody else would get to go," Stadelman said. "It was tough having a lot of different doubles partners, especially seventh or eighth grade, our parents talked about us going to high school together and playing doubles together. We got along real well. Becky is determined to do well, and that makes me play harder."

Stadelman was 8 when she started playing tennis at Oak Hill Racquet Club in Belleville. "I played a ton of tournaments all summer long before I got to high school," Stadelman said. "My mom spent a lot of money on me."

"Lori Gunter at Kings Point (Racquet Club in Belleville) helped me a lot."

"I've played tennis a long time, and when I get to college, I might not play and just concentrate on school, but I'm not sure yet. I'm leaning toward going to SIUE but my mom wants me to go to McKendree and play tennis there."

# Carey has racked up wins in career at Belleville West

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ninth at the state tournament with a 4-2 record. That earned them second-team all-state status.

"In dual matches, Lauren only had one loss, to the No. 1 player from Bloomington High School," Keefe said. "Locally, she was undefeated in singles."

"Lauren was the No. 5 (singles) player on the varsity last year and had a great deal of success. That she moved up the way she did this year says a lot about the quality of our singles players last year and it says a lot about how much she had to work to become No. 1. Competing every day against Lindsay McMillin, who was singles player of the year last year, helped her a lot."

Carey was one of five juniors who saw varsity action for West this season, but she has by far the most varsity experience.

"Sometimes girls slow down heading into their senior year, but Lauren is picking up steam," Keefe said. "She's trying to reach another level in her game, and I expect her to have a huge year as a senior."

"She can do equally well in either singles or doubles, and she has a tremendous work ethic. She's one of the tougher players mentally we've had in our program the last several years. She's a strong role model for the rest of the underclassmen on the team."

"Lauren started playing tennis early but didn't play a lot of tournaments when she was younger. She didn't start playing competitively until high school, but each year, her game has kept developing. When she steps on the court, she's all business. But once the match is over and she's out there, and next summer, I'll try to get on the (Missouri) Valley (junior tennis circuit) and travel with the Creve Coeur team. You don't get bored playing tennis, but you're also practicing your game."

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extended its dual match winning streak to 110. West hasn't lost a dual match since 1988.

"Going into the season, I knew I would be playing higher than last year, but I didn't know if I would be No. 1," Carey said. "I didn't think I would do as well as I did, but playing all those tournaments in the summer paid off. My match play improved a whole lot, and my focus throughout a match was a lot better. I didn't get down on myself like I used to."

"In doubles, Lindsay and I didn't play much together over the summer. But from the way things went at practice, I knew we would do well at state."

"We're both pretty strong at the baseline and the net and we like to put away a lot of shots at the net. On the court, we stay focused, but we're still able to have fun. I don't know who I'll play doubles with next year, but I'd like to play singles at state."

Carey has steadily improved her game since she got to West. "I started playing tennis after third grade in the summer at the (St. Clair) country club, but it was just for the fun of it," she said. "I never started playing in the winter or taking it seriously until eighth grade or my freshman year."

"Coach (Keefe) is always there when I need someone to hit with, and when I was younger I hit with (long-time local tennis pro) Bill Tuck. My coaches in St. Louis (at Creve Coeur Racquet Club) have helped me stay positive. I've improved my game tremendously the last year or so."

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# All-Journal girls tennis

**SINGLES**  
**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
Lauren Carey, Belleville West.  
**DOUBLES TEAM OF THE YEAR**  
Becky Brunner and Lindsay Stadelman, Belleville West.

**FIRST TEAM**  
**SINGLES**  
Lindsay McMillin, Belleville West — She had a combined record of 41-6, including a 4-2 record at the state tournament with doubles partner Lauren Carey. A four-year varsity veteran, she is fifth on West's career victory list with 133.

Maggie Fisher, Edwardsville — The junior was 38-11, the second-highest single-season victory total in school history. She was runner-up in the sectional and tied for 49th place at the state tournament.

Lindsay Irwin, Belleville West — Her first high school season was memorable one, as she posted a 31-4 record in singles. She was the sectional champion, beating teammate Lissa Farquhar in the final — and had a 1-2 record at the state tournament.

Lissa Farquhar, Belleville West — The sophomore posted an overall record of 26-12, including stints at No. 1 singles when teammates Lauren Carey and Lindsay McMillin played doubles.

**DOUBLES**  
Chrissy Yingst and Kerry Sims, Belleville West — Sims (40-7 overall) and Yingst (38-9) were among the top sophomore players in the area. They claimed the doubles championship at the Southwestern Conference tournament.

Lindsay Carille and Laura Barnhill, Edwardsville — Carille, a sophomore, was 37-10 overall, while Barnhill, a junior, a 36-12. They were the Tigers' No. 1 doubles team most of the season and tied for 33rd place at the state tournament with a 3-2 record.

Lindsay Anderson and Kristen Bodecker, Edwardsville — Bodecker, 38-6 this season, has a three-year record of 78-17 and is third on the Tigers' all-time victory list. Her 32 winning percentage ranks No. 1. Anderson, meanwhile, was 42-5 and set a school single-season record for wins.

Julie Hovenstein and Katie Gulgnon, Althoff — Hovenstein, a senior and four-year varsity veteran, combined with Gulgnon, a junior and a three-year veteran, to reach the state tournament.

Chrissy Hoeft and Rebecca Wendel, Belleville East — Hoeft, a senior, was 10-5 in singles and 23-13 in doubles. Wendel, a junior, was 10-4 in singles and 21-14 in doubles.

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## Sports

# Warriors fend off Edwardsville on May's FTs

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Zack May hit two free throws with 5 seconds remaining to give Granite City a stunning 56-55 upset victory against Edwardsville in the opener of Southwestern Conference play for both teams. "It feels real good," May said. "That was the first time we've beaten them in my varsity career. It's good to get redemption from last year."

I can hardly put into words what this feels like," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "I'm really happy for the kids. They played super-hard and really played a good game."

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Guard scores 21 points, including game-winning free throws

The action was fast and furious in the last two minutes. Edwardsville's 6-foot-10 Dan Lyle finished a three-point play to cut the Granite City lead to 50-49. Thirty seconds later, Matt Flach made both ends of a one-and-one to give the Tigers a 51-50 lead. Granite City's Matt Pistorius made a basket and May parlayed a steal into two free throws as the Warriors assumed a 54-51 lead with 40 seconds to play.

Edwardsville's Doug Shapiro hit a field goal and was fouled by Kevin Elliott. Shapiro missed his free throw but Lyle converted the put-back to give Edwardsville the lead (55-54) with 16 seconds to go.

Travis Evans fouled May with 5 seconds left and May made both free throws. Lyle's desperation heave at the buzzer clanked off the rim. "Maybe the last couple of years we would have wilted under the pressure, and I think this shows you what kind of kids these are," VanBuskirk said. "They really worked hard and beat a good basketball team. I couldn't be prouder of them."

May scored 11 points in the third quarter to help the Warriors turn Edwardsville's 28-24 halftime lead into a 42-40 Granite City edge heading

into the final period. "We were shooting the ball well," May said. "They told me to go down on the one man's side, so I just kept going there, trying to kick it out, but they weren't guarding me and I hit my shots."

"You saw what I told you about Zack May," VanBuskirk said of his guard's versatility and leadership. "He had to do some scoring tonight and you saw that he can. He had a great game."

"At Alton (in the opening tournament), everything was good. He didn't score, but he didn't need to. Tonight, he needed to score and he did. He just did a great job."

A major turning point in the game was May's layup that he banked high off the backboard while falling down. That score, with 5:21 remaining in the third period, gave the Warriors a 35-31 lead.

"I just thought that I could make it, so I went at it," May said. "I was on my back, so I didn't even see it. I didn't know if it went in or not until the crowd started cheering."

Granite City improved to 4-1.

**Granite City 56, Edwardsville 55**  
Edwardsville — 18 10 12 15 — 55  
Granite City — 11 13 14 — 56  
Edwardsville — Lyle 22, Shapiro 14, Turner 11, Evans 4, Flach 4. 2FG-19 3FG-3 FT-8.  
Granite City — May 21, Pistorius 14, Tindall 9, Elliott 8, Simpson 4. 2FG-18 3FG-2 FT-16.

## Warriors manhandled by O'Fallon

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rebound in for his fifth goal of the season. O'Fallon took the lead with both sides down a man. McKinney weaved the length of the ice and took a hard shot that ricocheted off Bronnbauer's glove and dropped into the net. Granite City's Jared Brown evened the score with less than two minutes left in the first. Meszaros fed Brown at the point and Brown launched a missile past Burrow. O'Fallon's Aaron Hudson scored through a screen in the second to give the Panthers a 4-2 lead. Then, Leiker's short-handed goal stifled any hopes for the Warriors. McKinney completed his hat

trick with 31 seconds to play, sneaking a snapshot just under the crossbar. O'Fallon's Nick Gedris also scored for O'Fallon, on an assist from McKinney. John Stordahl added a goal for the Warriors with 1:20 left, but it was too little, too late for the depleted tribe. "As a team, we were very sluggish because we only had two lines," Warriors forward Dave Svezia said. "At the beginning, we played strong, but we were down with the short bench. We had a lot of heart, just not the legs."

"I thought we played exceptionally well in the first period and fairly well in the third," Granite City coach Paul Solberger said. "But the short bench caught up with us. We have been trying to play through our injuries. We

just wore down in the third period, not jumping on loose pucks, not pounding the body like we were in the first two periods. We took some unnecessary penalties in the third out of frustration and just being tired."

Bronnbauer stood tall in goal all night, making several outstanding saves before leaving the game with a sore back. "I thought Scott played real well," Solberger said. "They went top-sheaf a couple of times and one of their goals was through a screen. They were all either good shots or defensive breakdowns, where we had a chance to clear and we either fanned or fed their defense."

The short-handed goal was particularly irksome and problematic. "They played what we call an L.A. Laker breakout," Solberger said. "They were short-handed and they sent a guy long. It's a set play and they pulled it off."

"Overall I was pleased with the effort," Solberger said. "O'Fallon is one of the top teams in their division."

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# Granite City fails to take advantage of power play

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Granite City failed to take full advantage of a seven-minute power play in the third period and the Warriors fell to Hazelwood (Mo.) West 3-1 Thursday night at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

"We came out and played pretty well, but we just couldn't answer back when we had the five-on-three power play," Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich said. "That's when you have to accomplish something, on the short-handed situation. We just weren't able to do it."

The first period was well-played and active, but scoreless. Both teams had their chances. The Warriors had a shot hit the post in the sixth minute. The Wildcats collected the rebound and went flying down the other way, but Granite City goalie Brian Reese made a point-blank save to preserve the goose egg.

The tie again was threatened late in the first, when Warriors freshman forward Ryan Burns took a five-minute major penalty and game misconduct.

"Ryan took a stupid penalty early

in the game, and the bench is already short as it is, with Jonny Burns missing and Jon Goodyear serving a game suspension," Yurkovich said. "So I'm short on centers as it is and he does something like that. It's frustrating."

Bob Scott stole the puck for Granite City and had a chance to score short-handed, but his breakaway shot was stopped. Going the other way the Hazelwood West forwards worked a nice blind drop pass for a shot that Reese covered with a lightning-quick glove-save.

Though the Wildcats couldn't convert on the power play, they did break through at the 4:52 mark of the second.

Hazelwood West notched another early in the third as fog started to form atop the ice in the warm weather.

The Warriors, meanwhile, were having trouble handling the puck and setting up their offense. But, within a 26-second span, Hazelwood West took two major penalties (butt-ending and kicking) and a minor to give the Warriors a two-man advantage for the last 7:01 of the game.

Just 11 seconds into the power play, Bob Scott fed Lenny Wilson at the point and Wilson fired through a screen to cut the Wildcats' lead in half.

That was all the Warriors could manage. Hazelwood West added an empty-net goal when Reese was pulled for more offense.

"We played pretty well early," Yurkovich said. "We had talked about needing to come out and give a good effort. We had a bad showing the last game, a 5-0 beating (against St. Charles County, Mo., Fort Zumwalt South)."

"They gave us every opportunity to get back in the game at the end with the five-on-three. We got an early goal when we got the two-man advantage and after that we couldn't get anything going, couldn't get any quality shots. Then at the end, they took another penalty for high-sticking, which gave us a five-on-three again right when we got back to five-on-four."

"We just weren't able to do anything. We pulled our goalie and went six-on-three and the next thing,

you know the puck comes out to center ice and we get beat to it, which should never happen on a five-on-three."

"Maybe it's my fault, too. I left Bobby Scott and Ty Suhre on the ice for about five minutes of that seven-minute power play, but what else am I going to do? Those are my bread-and-butter guys, they have to get the job done. I took them off for a minute at a time at times and stuck some guys in there, but it just wasn't working, so I had to go back to my main boys."

"It's tough. I really expected we were going to get back in the game. The fact of the matter is that we had a lot of our experienced guys out there, they were logging a lot of ice time, they were tired, and it showed. They couldn't do anything, couldn't get the job done. It's frustrating."

With the loss, the Warriors fell to 1-4-1 on the season.

"This team has a long way to go," Yurkovich said. "We're going to make a lot of mistakes but we're going to have some success. I really hoped our power play was where we were going to make up the

difference, and we did well five-on-five tonight to keep ourselves in the game and give us a chance to win."

"When you have a five-on-three like that, you have to score more than one goal, especially when they are trying to kill off two major penalties. You could score 10 goals in that five-minute span and it doesn't matter, they are still going to be short-handed."

"The only thing I can say is that we need to move the puck around more and get their penalty killers moving more, and we didn't do that. We tended to go right in the middle every time and that's not the answer."

Lost in the loss was the performance of Reese, a sophomore goaltender.

"That was the best game out of either goaltender all year," Yurkovich said. "Brian and I talked the other night after the 5-0 loss at Chesterfield (Mo.), we had a heart-to-heart talk on the way home from the game."

"Brian understands what he needs to do, it's just a matter of going out and doing it, and tonight he did."

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## Edwardsville slams Granite City

Defending league champs flex muscle against Warriors

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Lindsay Anderson scored 20 points and Karla Carroll added 18 to lead Edwardsville past Granite City 83-35 in a Southwestern Conference game Thursday night.

"For some reason, we didn't go ready to play," Granite City coach John Moad. "The team should go ready to play and we weren't. I take responsibility for that."

"We're better than that. In all phases of the game we didn't play well. There wasn't one glaring weakness — it was all bad."

The girls just never got in a rhythm and Edwardsville hit eight 3-pointers. We just picked last night to play our worst game of the year and they played well."

"I know the girls are disappointed, but I'm taking the responsibility. We tried to figure out

what it was going wrong, and it wasn't any one thing. It wasn't any one person, we all deserve some of the fault. But we aren't going to dwell on it for too long. Hopefully it's just a one-game occurrence and we get it out of our system. We just didn't come out with our customary intensity and somehow we have to get that back."

Erin Gusewelle also had 17 points for the Tigers.

Jessica Wallace led the Warriors with nine points. Debra Aaron and Ashley Bogovich each had five while Della Moore and Erika Todd had four. Jan Shanafelt, Christina Withers, Katie Ronk, and Tonya Biggs each had two.

"When you get beat like that you look for positives," Moad said. "We played hard in the second half, so that was a positive. We just kind of sleepwalked through the first half."

"Still, being 5-4 is a positive. Last year, we were getting beat like this night after night."

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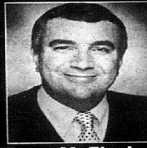
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## Mitsubishi restyles Galant for '99

By Tom Strongman

**Engine:** 2.4-liter, four-cylinder  
**Transmission:** Automatic  
**Wheelbase:** 103.7 inches  
**Curb Weight:** 3,000 pounds  
**Base Price:** \$17,990  
**Price as Driven:** \$18,899  
**MPG Rating:** 21 city, 28 highway

The GTZ is a performance-oriented car that has a rear spoiler, white-faced gauges, color-keyed grill and an even more aggressively tuned sports suspension. While a 3.0-liter, 195-horsepower V-6 engine is now available in the upper models, this review is of the Galant ES with the 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine, the car Mitsubishi thinks will be its volume seller. The list of standard equipment is long: remote keyless entry, cruise control, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, split-folding back seat, air conditioning with an air-filtration system, AM/FM stereo and tilt steering wheel. The 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine has four valves per cylinder and a single-overhead-camshaft (SOHC) configuration. Throttle response is nearly immediate, which gives

it a feeling of energy in city driving. Out on the open road, it settles into a comfortable cruise, yet if you need extra power for passing or climbing hills it responds quickly. The four-speed automatic transmission uses "fuzzy logic" to help determine when to shift and when to remain in gear. Mitsubishi was one of the first manufacturers to put this feature into its passenger cars, and it is handy because it can tell when the car is climbing or descending hills, and shifts accordingly. A five-speed manual will be available later in the year. In terms of comparison with its competitors, the base, 145-horsepower four-cylinder engine has 12 more horsepower than the Toyota Camry and 10 more than the Honda Accord. Dimensionally, its wheelbase is slightly shorter, but overall length is within an inch of both. Interior measurements for leg, hip and shoulder room also are within a few fractions of the Camry and Accord. This year's restyle features a chiseled front end, angular side panels and a look that takes many of its cues from the upscale Diamante, the car that was clearly a major influence in the creation of this design. A crisp character line runs from the top to back, and bold tail lights give a recognizable signature to the back end. Many things about the Galant were designed specifically for the American market. The interior, for example, was created by Mitsubishi's American design center in Southern California, and it was engineered to meet the demands of American drivers. The radio is mounted above the climate controls, for example, because it is used more often, and the instrument panel

is lower for increased forward visibility. Cloth-covered seats are comfortable and have a wide range of adjustment. The steering wheel is wrapped in leather, and wood-grain trim dots the instrument panel and doors. While the wood-grain trim adds a touch of luxury, it didn't quite match the tone of the light-gray interior and looked a bit like an afterthought. Cup holders are designed into the console, and they hold a variety of drink sizes. The center armrest, which provides a convenient resting place for the driver's elbow on highway jaunts, folds backward so it can be used as a cup holder by rear-seat passengers. Anti-lock brakes and side air bags are standard on premium models and optional on the others. To correspond with its sporty looks, the suspension has been tuned to deliver handling that is fun and firm. The multi-link rear suspension absorbs bumps that otherwise would be unsettling. Up front, offset front springs reduce the amount of road shock that is transmitted into the cabin. Twisting roads are enjoyable as a result, yet in-town driving is not compromised by a rough ride. The Galant ES is a mid-size alternative for folks who want responsive handling, decent room and more than adequate power. The base price of our test car was \$17,990. Its only options were a CD player and a trunk mat. The sticker price was \$18,899. The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

## Points & Plugs

### Many people driving vehicles bought in October

By Rick Stoff

Automobile sales were hot in October. Consumers bought 1.4 million cars and trucks during the month, for a rate nearly 10 percent higher than in October 1997. The best-selling vehicles in the first-month lap of the 1999 model year were, as usual, the Ford F-Series and Chevrolet C/K pickups. Slots three and four were held by trucks, too — the Dodge Ram pickup and Ford Explorer sport-utility, both of which are built in St. Louis. The best-selling automobile in America for October, Honda Accord, was fifth on the overall list. The sixth through 10th spots were claimed by Toyota Camry, Ford Taurus, Honda Civic, Ford Ranger and Ford Expedition. How long should you go between oil changes? The oil companies and many mechanics will tell you to change it every 3,000 miles, but other experts say oil can last longer than that. In any case, driving conditions have a lot to do with the useful life of a crankcase full of oil. Extended stints of highway driving are easier on the engine and oil than many short city driving segments. So what do you do? General Motors is installing an oil monitoring system that tells you when your oil actually is used up and in need of replacement. The system monitors trip lengths, engine temperatures and revolutions to compute useful oil life, which may last up to 10,000 miles. The system will be installed on some 1999 GM trucks and should be in most other GM vehicles in five years, the company said. When it comes to competition, you never know when a tiny advantage may turn out to be the difference between winning and losing. In automobile racing, even the tiniest of weasels can be meaningful. How hard is Ferrari trying to reduce the weight of its Formula One racing cars? It is working with PPG Industries to find ways to cut the weight of the paint on its cars. The current paint jobs add a whopping 5 pounds to the 1,320-pound cars, and apparently that is too much. On the topic of color, BF Goodrich has announced it is prepared to begin producing automobile tires with colored tread. The company has displayed tires with bright yellow, red and blue tread and says it can make any color so that tires can match the paint on cars. Next they'll have to do something about those icky black radiator hoses and black fan belts. One of the all-time greats of automobile design passed away Oct. 25 in Germany. Wilhelm Karmann designed and built the Volkswagen Beetle. He and later created cars for Porsche, BMW, Opel, Ford and Mercedes-Benz. Karmann, who started his career in his father's horse carriage factory, was 83.

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**Flower fantasy feast for furry friends**

As most gardeners learn sooner or later, one person's flower fantasy is just a free feast to some furry friend.

Animal pest problems occur in all seasons of the garden, but fall and spring are peak periods for plunder. Luckily these seasons, and fall in particular, are also the best times for beleaguered gardeners to mount a defense against foraging four-legged gourmands such as deer, squirrels, rabbits, voles, moles and other assorted animal pests.

In fall, a good garden clean-up tops the list of animal deterrents. After fall bluing planting, remove planting debris to rob squirrels of scent clues. It's scent, after all, that guides them to their hidden stashes and to yours! They're not relying on such memory cues as "three hops from the big tree on the left."

Also consider mulch. Mulch is useful to help retain soil moisture and maintain more constant cool soil temperatures. Apply mulch after weather turns cool. To mulch too soon only satisfies small creatures, who find earth-warmed mulch a great cozy place for winter tunneling and nestling.

Who is it exactly that is nibbling the nasturtiums and devouring the daisies? Increasingly in America, the culprits are likely to be deer. According to the New York Times "there are now more deer in the U.S. than when the Pilgrims landed in 1620." A population of 27 million ranges across the land. And, increasingly, as the deer's natural habitats are reduced by development, they are by no means restricted to remote woodlands. They've leaped into our back yards in what amounts in some parts of the country to a suburban invasion.

Deer are the greatest threat in the spring when, after a hungry winter, they look for anything green, young and tasty.

Rabbits have long been the vegetable gardener's nemesis, but they're happy to taste-test anything new and tender looking. Even if they really don't love something, they just might chew on it for awhile to make sure.

Squirrels and chipmunks are particular pests at fall flower bulb planting time. Count on them to promptly RSVP to fall garden parties serving tulip, lily or crocus bulbs but not daffodils which have a terrible taste. Especially popular are gardens littered with bulb-scented detritus, those little bags, the paper skins, and other tantalizing things.

Special fans of tree and shrub roots are found underground. Moles, voles and mice are the biggest (actually smallest) culprits. They also like roots of succulent plants and flower bulbs.

The groundhog, also called the woodchuck, is a tunnel master who finds any number of garden plants appealing both above and below the ground.

To dispel any illusions at the outset, there is no magic bullet for the animal pest problem, save the sometimes tempting, but no very humane option of actually using bullets. The best one can hope for is an appropriate pest management solution.

Pest control options basically fall into five major categories:

- Barriers
- Sensory deterrents
- Vegetative deterrents
- Animal deterrents
- If you can't beat 'em, join 'em

Barriers are the most straightforward and many say the most effective deterrents. The strategy is to make it impossible for the critter to get to his dinner.

For deer, a fence is the best deterrent. A deer fence should be at least seven and a half feet high, and an additional overhang of chicken wire is a good idea. The most effective deer fence is a double fence. Deer can either jump something very high, or something very wide, but can't do both at once. Two fences (one high and one moderately high) spaced about three feet apart are recommended. (Don't worry, the deer see two fences and don't jump, so they don't get caught inside.)

Garden centers and other retailers also carry various types of plastic fencing and netting that might be appropriate. It is also possible to have an electric anti-deer fence installed. But this isn't recommended for areas where there are small children or close neighbors.

For groundhogs and such, fences don't need to be high, they need to be deep. About three feet deep should do the trick.

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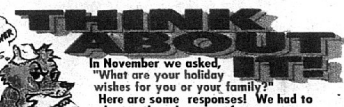
families together, Kwanzaa, food, Hanukkah, food, Christmas, food and another delicious edition of the WB 11 KIDS page.



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In November we asked, "What are your holiday wishes for you or your family?" Here are some responses! We had to shorten them because of space.  
Stephanie Dunn, St. Louis - "I wish my family and I will have a big holiday dinner."  
Robert Hayes, Melville - "I wish that everyone would have a good home."  
Sarah Markus, St. Louis - "I hope that we have peace everywhere."  
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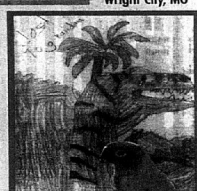
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8:30am The Simpsons  
**Weekend Afternoon**  
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6:30pm Poky  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_